I WAS ALWAYS ENVIOUS OF THAT GUY.
WAIT, WAIT!
バタ バタ
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! RYUHOKU'S SECOND MATCH IS STARTING!
HUH? WE'LL PASS. WE WERE JUST HERE TO WATCH THE MATCH BETWEEN RYUHOKU AND MISUZU.
IT'S RYUHOKU VS. NAGANO-OKA NOW, RIGHT?
NARUSE-KUN MIGHT LOSE, SO I DON'T WANNA WATCH IT.
"WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
SQUEAK

ミユキ蜜蜂
Mitsubachi Miyuki
RYUHOKU IS WINNING!
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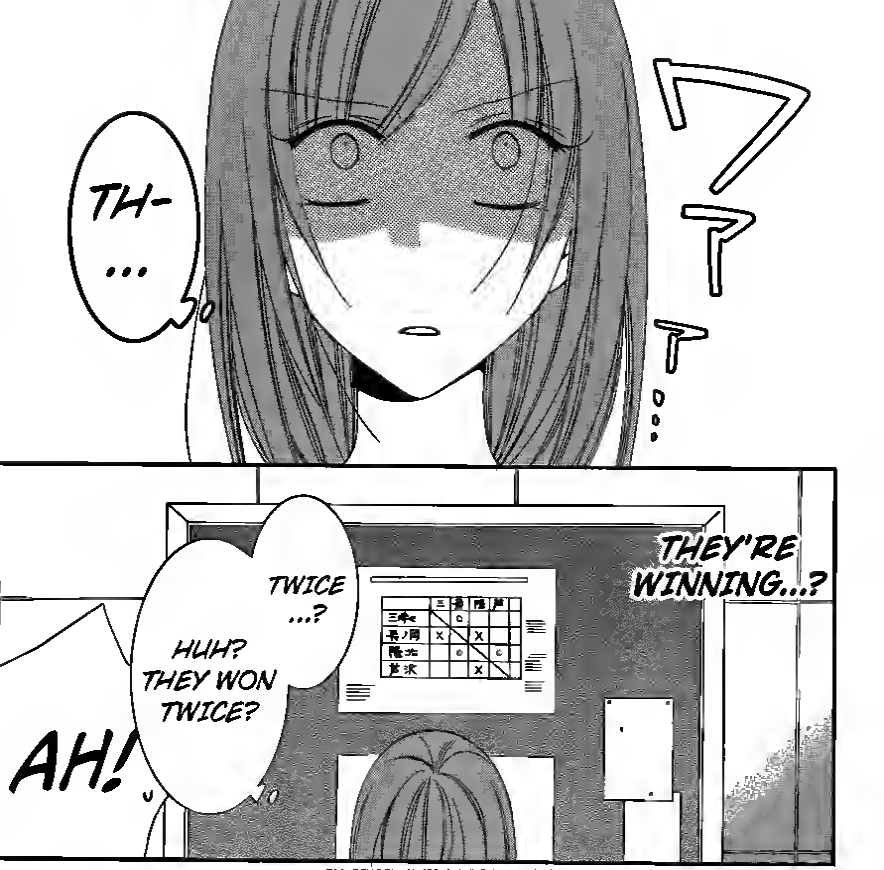
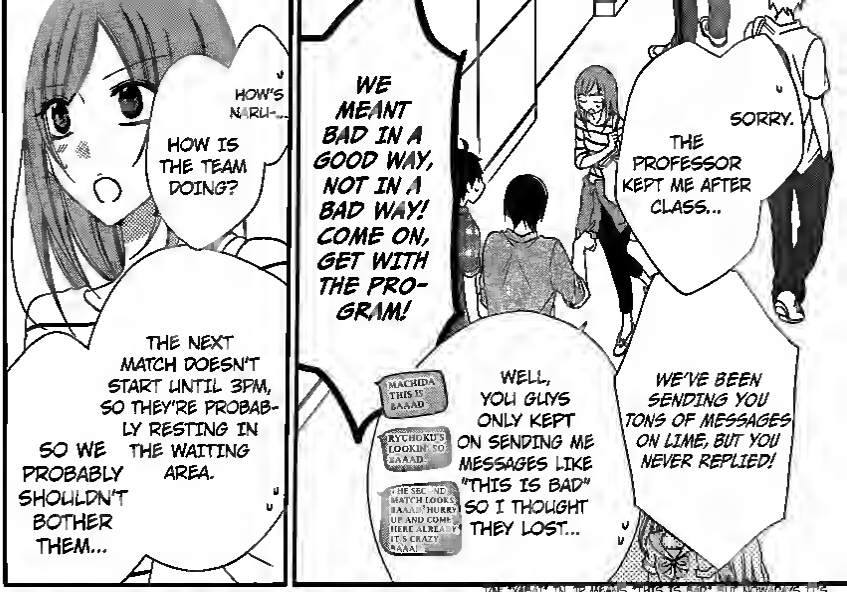


T/N: SCHOOL NAMES ON THE BOARD ARE MISUZU, NAGANOOKA, RYUHOKU, AND ASHIZAWA.


HOW'S NARU-...
HOW IS THE TEAM DOING?
THE NEXT MATCH DOESN'T START UNTIL 3PM, SO THEY'RE PROBABLY RESTING IN THE WAITING AREA.
SO WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BOTHER THEM...
WE MEANT BAD IN A GOOD WAY, NOT IN A BAD WAY! COME ON, GET WITH THE PROGRAM!
SORRY. THE PROFESSOR KEPT ME AFTER CLASS...
MACHIDA THIS IS BAAAD
RYUHOKU'S LOOKIN' SO BAAAD
THE SECOND MATCH LOOKS BAAAD! HURRY UP AND COME HERE ALREADY! IT'S CRAZY BAAAD
WELL, YOU GUYS ONLY KEPT ON SENDING ME MESSAGES LIKE "THIS IS BAD" SO I THOUGHT THEY LOST...
WE'VE BEEN SENDING YOU TONS OF MESSAGES ON LINE, BUT YOU NEVER REPLIED!

THE "YABAI" IN JP MEANS "THIS IS BAD" BUT NOWADAYS IT'S SLANG FOR "THIS IS INSANE, AMAZING, AWESOME, ETC."

MISUZU
NASHINOKA
RYUHOKU
ISHIZAWA
THIS IS TURNING OUT REALLY INCREDIBLE SOMEHOW...
AT ANY RATE, RIGHT NOW RYUHOKU HAS WON 2 GAMES.
SO IF WE WIN THE NEXT MATCH WITH MISUZU IN THE 5TH ROUND...
MATCH #1
MATCH #2
MATCH #3
MATCH #4
MATCH #5
WHO WOULD'VE THUNK THAT WE'D EVER BE ONE GAME AWAY FROM NATIONALS!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT FAKE-ASS KANSAI DIALECT?! I HATE HOW PEPPY YOU ARE ALL THE TIME, DAMMIT!!
USAMIN, DO YOU JUST NOT KNOW HOW TO FEEL NERVOUS?
DAMN, I'M JEALOUS!
TH...
GIVE US YOUR DIVINE PROTECTION!
!?
WAIT A MINUTE, HIME-CHAN. WHAT'S WITH THAT DOLL?
CHITTER CHATTER
MACHIDA-SENPAI!

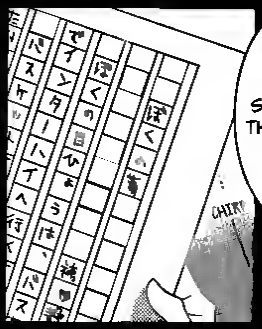
Naruse is amazing ♥ I want a straightforward boyfriend like him ♥
Aninko from Nagano

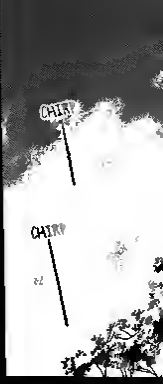
SHIZUKA.
ARE YOU PLAYING AGAINST ASHIZAWA NOW?
..TAKE A LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE AND YOU'LL FIND OUT.
HM...
YOU HAVE TO WIN.
OR ELSE, IT'S NOT WORTH BEATING YOU GUYS.
Huh?
...I'M COMING.
HUH, CAPTAIN?
WARM-UP TIME'S ALMOST OVER, YOU KNOW?!

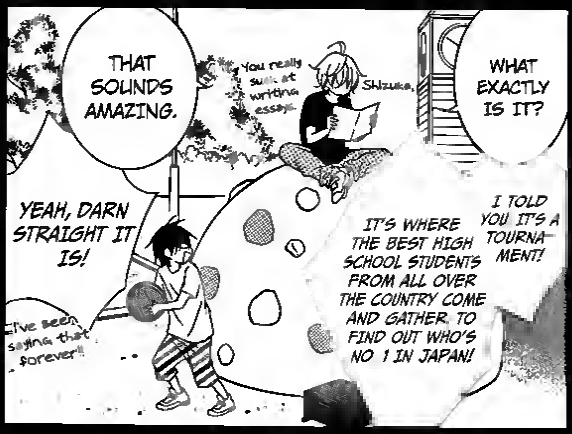
[On the paper]

My Dream
by Hakamada Shizuka

My goal is to play basketball well and to go to inter-high. Basketball is...






THAT SOUNDS AMAZING.
You really suck at writing essays.
Shizuka.
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?
YEAH, DARN STRAIGHT IT IS!
I've been saying that forever!!
IT'S WHERE THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY COME AND GATHER TO FIND OUT WHO'S NO 1 IN JAPAN!
I TOLD YOU IT'S A TOURNAMENT!

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SO EMPTY-HEADED,
YOU'RE TALL, YOU'RE FAST AT RUNNING, AND YOU'RE GOOD AT BASKETBALL!
MAN, SHOU, I ENVY YOU.
SO YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE STILL PLAYING BASKETBALL?
Huuuh?
MAN, YOU REALLY ARE STUPID, STUPID SHOU!
YEAH.
IT'S FUN, THAT'S ALL.
CHIRP
CHIRP
NO, NOTHING.
Hey! What the heck are you doing to my essay?! ...Are you crazy?!
....
WHAT'S TO ENVY?
HM?
Did you say something?

WHOA~~~~ WILL RYUHOKU REALLY MAKE IT?
MISUZU WON AGAINST ASHIZAWA?
SO THAT MEANS MISUZU AND RYUHOKU BOTH HAVE 2 WINS?
AND SO...
OH!
RYUHOKU AND MISUZU
WILL BE FIGHTING TO GO TO NATIONALS.
...BUT BEFORE THAT, FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND YOU ALL PERSONALLY FOR MAKING IT ALL THE WAY HERE.
THE LAST OPPONENT WILL BE... UH... WHO WAS IT AGAIN ...
IT'S MISUZU, COACH!
You mentioned it just now!
RIGHT, RIGHT.
YOU AND MISUZU HAVE THE BIGGEST RIVALRY OUT THERE, SO GO OUT AND FIGHT WITH CONFIDENCE.
YES, SIR!!!

WH-...
NOD NOD
PLEASE GATHER AROUND!
PEEK
FINALLY,
Man, I suddenly need to go to the bathroom, but the match is starting soon.
MY HANDS ARE SWEATING SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T CALL TONO-KUN!
DAMN IT.
Them, too.
MY EARS ARE RINGING FOR SOME REASON
AH...
WHAT DO I DO... I FEEL JUST AS NERVOUS AS WHEN I SAT AT THE BENCH BACK THEN!
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO,
WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN THE FIFTH MATCH OF THE FINAL LEAGUE
THEY'VE BEEN SINGLE MINDEDLY PURSUING THAT GOAL.
EVER SINCE THAT DAY,
THIS IS THE MOMENT THAT'LL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY MAKE IT TO NATIONALS.

MISUZU ACADEMY VERSUS
RYUHOKU HIGH SCHOOL!
LET'S HAVE A GOOD GAME!
THE FINAL SHOWDOWN TO DECIDE WHO WILL WIN A TICKET TO INTER-HIGH.

...I'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR THIS MOMENT.
IF YOU WANT TO CRUSH ME, GO AHEAD AND TRY.
FWEEEEET
MP
JU
KAMIOKU
4

GO, GO RYUHOKU!
PUSH, PUSH!
YEAAAAAAAAAHHH
IT'S RYUHOKU'S BALL!
GO NARUSE!!!
DO YOUR BEST, MISUZU!

TO THINK THAT THEY'D BOTH BECOME CAPTAINS AND END UP FACING EACH OTHER HEAD ON AT A HUGE EVENT LIKE THIS...
EVER SINCE THEIR 1ST AND 2ND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, THEY REALLY STOOD OUT AS ATHLETES.
RYUHOKU'S NARUSE SHOU AND MISUZU'S HAKAMADA SHIZUKA ...
IT'S LIKE THEY WERE TIED TOGETHER BY STRINGS OF FATE, NO?
"TIED TOGETHER" SOUNDS A BIT WEIRD
AND RATHER THAN FATE, IT'S MORE LIKE...
YEEEAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!
You did it, baby-face!

THEY ARE STUCK TOGETHER NO MATTER WHAT...
!
OH, HEY THERE.
NICE TO SEE YOU.
SAME HERE
AAAHH!♡
RYUHOKU AND MISUZU'S EX-CAPTAINS ARE HAVING AN EXCHANGE OF WORDS!
THEY'RE SO ADORABLE!
ALL THEY SAID WAS "HEY THERE".
GLANCE
BOUNCE
A PASS?
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
THANKS!
...TCH!
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME...!

MACHIDA-SENPAI...
ダン!
!
Will they be alright?!
THE FIRST HALF'S ENDING SOON,
BUT DOESN'T IT FEEL LIKE THEY'RE NOT SCORING ANY POINTS?
THAT JUST MEANS THAT THE DEFENSE ON BOTH SIDES IS REALLY STRONG ...
BUT...
RYUHOKU
MISUZU
FOR IT TO COME TO THIS...
INTENSE...

30 SECONDS LEFT IN THE FIRST HALF!
B-BUT WE HAVE A 3-POINT LEAD!
IT'S SO EMOTIONALLY INTENSE...
YEAH, BUT MISUZU STILL HAS ENERGY LEFT FOR THE SECOND HALF.
WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE CAN KEEP UP THAT 3-POINT LEAD.
.....
I'LL DEFINITELY BRING YOU WITH ME.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ME TO INTER-HIGH NEXT YEAR?
WELL,
NEXT YEAR...

IT'S 1 VS 1, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!
GO BACK, GO BACK!
NICE CUT!
DO!
NOO-OOO!
So close!
FUKU

WOO-
OOHH-
HH!!

FWEEEET
RYUHOKU
RYUHOKU LEADS WITH 5 POINTS AFTER THE FIRST HALF!
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT PASS?!
SO AMAZ-ING!!!
NICE PASS, NARU-SE!
DO YOUR BEST, MISUZU!!
...HEY.
DRIP
WHAT?

NARU-SEEE-EEE!!!!
NOOO

DURING THE MATCH SCENE, IT SURPRISED ME THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE, SO IT WAS FUN DRAWING A LOT OF CHARACTERS.

WHAT IS THAT IDIOT DOING...
I WONDER IF THE WOUND IS DEEP...
DID HE FALL WITH FULL FORCE
H-HEY... IS HE ALRIGHT?!
I'LL GO TAKE A QUICK LOOK.
NO, LET ME.
!!
NO, EVEN IF YOU WENT, YOU WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN THE BENCH AREA.
TH-THAT'S RIGHT...!
SINCE IT'S HALF TIME, THEY'VE GOT A LOT OF STUFF TO FIX AND PREPARE
IF I FORCE MY WAY IN, I'LL JUST BE A NUISANCE..
SQUEEZE
...BUT.

I WONDER,
IF THERE'S REALLY NOTHING I CAN DO BUT CHEER.
HE'S OUT THERE FIGHTING SO
NO, I ALREADY DECIDED THAT I SHOULD JUST STEP BACK AND WATCH OVER HIM...
BUT
IS THERE NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO?
RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO...?
That's right! It's fine so just use it to apply pressure! I can't handle seeing blood!
Your nose always bleeds, doesn't it?!
Everyone, use this time to recuperate your energy as well!
Yessir!
...IT'S STAINED.
HUH?
BUT IT'S JUST A TOWEL, SO IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...
YEAH.
I'LL GO GET SOME ICE SO THAT IT WON'T SWELL!
YOUR WOUND ISN'T DEEP, SO IT SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS WE DISINFECT IT.

FIGHT!
CAPTAIN
"USE IT".
"I KIND OF..."
"PUT A LOT OF THINGS INTO IT..."
SIGH...
THAT GIRL SURE IS SOME-THING

THE NATIONALS ARE RIGHT THERE, GUYS.
THE PLACE I'VE BEEN STRIVING FOR
UP UNTIL TODAY IS RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF ME.
THE MOMENT THE SECOND HALF STARTS, WE'RE GONNA CATCH UP AND PULL AWAY FROM THEM.
GOT IT?
DON'T CHICKEN OUT, JUST KEEP PUSHING IN STRONG.
AT THIS POINT, ANYTHING WE THINK OF IS A WASTE OF TIME.
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THERE'S NO OTHER WAY...
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FWEEEET
BUT THROUGH VICTORY!

I WONDER IF HE'S ALL RIGHT?!
.....
THE SECOND HALF STARTED!
HUH?!
NARUSE-SENPAI IS STILL PLAYING?
HUH?
HEY, AREN'T YOU GONNA WATCH THE GAME?!
!!
NARUSE...

...WHEN WAS IT?
I FORGOT, BUT, A LONG TIME AGO...
YOU ASKED ME "WHY DO YOU PLAY BASKETBALL?"
AND BACK THEN,
I HAD NO IDEA WHY,
AND I REALLY COULDN'T THINK OF ANY REASON...
WHEN YOU TOLD ME WHY YOU PLAYED BASKETBALL,
AND WHAT YOUR GOALS WERE,
I WAS A LITTLE ENVIOUS OF YOU 'CAUSE YOU KNEW EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED AND HOW TO EXPRESS IT IN WORDS.

"I LIKE IT."
RIGHT NOW,
I ALSO UNDER-STAND
WHY I GIVE IT MY ALL
WHEN I PLAY BASKET-BALL.
BUT...
"I..."
"I LIKE IT WHEN YOU GIVE IT YOUR ALL."
FIGHT! CAPTAIN
AND NOW...
I CAN SAY IT CLEARLY.

"SHOU!"

"I ENJOY IT..."
...ANY-WAY,
"I ENJOY PLAYING BASKET-BALL WITH YOU,
"YOU KNOW..."
"PASS PASS PASS PASS!"
"YOU'RE SO ANNOYING! SHUT UP, LOSER!"
HUH?
IT SEEMS THAT WITH-OUT MY FACE, I ONLY HAVE BASKETBALL LEFT.
A GAME WITH A 20-MINUTE FIRST HALF AND A 20-MINUTE SECOND HALF.
A GAME THAT KEEPS PEOPLE'S EYES OPEN WIDE IN WONDER.
THAT KIND OF SPEED
RESEMBLES OUR YOUTH.

BRING IT ON, STUPID SHOU.
'TIS A LIGHT SO FAST THAT WE MAY MISS IT IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL.
BUT ONE OF THEM WILL SURELY CATCH IT.
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